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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Oct-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/13/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/06/07
Broiler/fryer	170,628	171,787
Light hens	1,045	1,107
Heavy hens	1,594	1,539

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	249	10	259
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	290	0	290
Same week yr ago	140	4	144
To-date/2007	10,366	36	10,402
To-date/2006	6,289	34	6,323

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,454	1,608	3,062
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,340	1,546	2,886
Same week yr ago	1,092	1,676	2,768
To-date/2007	54,521	58,275	112,796
To-date/2006	50,032	59,380	109,412

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	171,257	1,205	1,598	2,803
Avg Wt	5.59	3.36	8.13	6.08
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	173,849	1,050	1,546	2,596
Same wk yr ago	169,726	952	1,672	2,624
Avg Wt	5.57	3.31	7.90	6.23
To-date/2007	6,457,894	44,155	58,239	102,394
To-date/2006	6,466,947	43,743	59,346	103,089

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 167.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.3 million head, or 5.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	42,786	82,472	29,464	16,535	171,257
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	7.01	8.60	5.59
% of total /1	25%	48%	17%	10%	100%
Last week	45,905	85,073	28,064	14,807	173,849
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.35	6.95	8.09	5.43
% of total /1	26%	49%	16%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,025	87,962	23,259	16,480	169,726
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.47	7.03	8.18	5.57
% of total /1	25%	51%	14%	10%	100%
To date/2007	1,727,407	3,241,211	1,046,243	443,033	6,457,894
To date/2006	1,854,668	3,196,982	906,427	508,870	6,466,947

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,947	2,730	40	2	4,719
Avg Wt	16.24	37.22	25.87	64.21	28.48
Head sltr comparisons ⁸²					
Last week	2,014	2,864	19	0	4,897
Same wk yr ago	2,088	2,860	24	6	4,978
Avg Wt	16.85	36.62	27.59	28.64	28.27
To-date/2007	78,692	104,448	935	204	184,279
To-date/2006	77,070	102,374	984	185	180,613

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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